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For: THERMOPLASTIC RESIN INJECTION )  
 MOLDING MACHINE )

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as indicated.

IN THE CLAIMS:

In claim 4, line 2, delete "either of claims 2 and 3" and insert --claim 2--.

In claim 5, line 2, delete "either of claims 2 and 3" and insert --claim 2--.

In claim 6, line 2, delete "either of claims 2 and 3" and insert --claim 2--.

In claim 8, line 2, delete "either of claims 5 and 6" and insert --claim 5--.

In claim 8, last line, replace the comma with a period (".") therefor.

In claim 9, line 2, delete "any one of claims 2 and 4 through 8" and insert  
--claim 2--.

In claim 10, line 2, delete "any one of claims 3 through 8" and insert --claim 3--.

In claim 11, line 2, delete "any one of claims 1 through 10" and insert --claim 1--.

Please add the following new claims:

12. A thermoplastic resin injecting molding machine as claimed in claim 3, in  
which the energizing means comprises a spring.

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